

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Spring, Sprang, Sprung!

Sure, sure sounds like something broke and it did! Spring broke out in all its glory this week, Wednesday being the beginning of the spring season and time to break out with all those garden tools, golf clubs, etc.

But hold! Take things like this easy. Don't go off half cocked! Take a little time off to think it over real well and it might be a good idea to visit one of our comfortable dine-out spots where a guy can sit back and think clearly while enjoying a sumptuous repast.

Take a look-in, for instance, at the Pen and Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach, always a relaxing atmosphere. Maybe that you do some yard work will completely pass once you've relaxed sufficiently and partaken of one of the most popular offerings there. It's the Roasted Long Island Duck, Bigarade. And when you get the bill you'll become even more relaxed 'cause it'll run you only \$4.85.

Included with this enticing entree is the iced relish tray, a tossed green salad with your choice of dressing, (naturally) potatoes, hot rolls and butter.

This one is served daily in the Pen and Quill dining room from 5:30 on with dancing and entertainment furnished by the Dave Howard Trio.

Then down there in West Los Angeles at the Matador Restaurant on Pico Boulevard the authentic Spanish foods and entertainment would be hard to beat for a comfort-



FAYE DUNAWAY... With many a bad hombre before she was mowed down by the good guys. And it's reenacted with all the gory details in the current feature at United Artists Theatre at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance. It's "Bonnie and Clyde" and keep in mind, it's highly recommended—but definitely for adult audiences. But great fare for those who think clearly and are not easily swayed.



20 YEARS AGO... This is the way Bernie Tohl's Captain's Table looked 20 years ago when he first opened his now popular restaurant on La Cienega at 3rd in Los Angeles. Only goes to show what 20 years and 500 bucks can do. Know it now?? Then get acquainted!

Airways, McDonnell-Douglas, Data Products System Development Corp., UCLA, and too many more to mention here.

With six talented performers in the troupe, Mr. Fremont can now boast the largest continuous Flamenco floorshow on the Pacific Coast. It's staged nightly in the cozy little Flamenco Room to the rear of The Matador.

Heading the current cast is dancer Pedro Tirado aided by beautiful and talented dancers Carlotta and Marufa, along with guitarists Maria Del Rey and Juan Perrin, and with, of course, Professor George Matos at the piano.

Let's slip along over to the Sunset Strip for a minute and a visit to The Marquis Restaurant where Chef Pietro Giordano's fettuccini was once likened to that offered at Alfredo's in Rome "only better."

This distinctive old restaurant has long been a favorite of executives and personalities from the entertainment world. Such as Rock Hudson, Selene Walters with bull fighter Jose Tirado, the Jack Lathams, the Ralph Storrs, Gary Coppin and Sally Ross, the Julius La Rosas. All these plus executives from Universal Artists, Lester Kendall and Irving Pollinger dining with Mary Meade French, Art Jarrett and Irish McCalla with Patrick Horgan. Just name-dropping but it gives you a rough idea of the type of people you'll find enjoying the Marquis cuisine nightly.

It sure seems a whole lot farther back than 20 years but guess Bernie Tohl should know how long he's owned and operated the Captain's Table on fashionable Restau-

rant Row and that's what he says.

Bernie started things off with a little 10x30 glass-front store and with the fantastic sum of five hundred dollars, lots of know-how, lots of hard work... and a h--l of a lot of just plain intestinal fortitude (that's 'guts' to you!).

Today, as most any diner knows, Bernie has one of the most beautiful and definitely most popular restaurants on La Cienega where he features all the goodies of the sea with which Berpie grew up back in his native New England. Such delicacies as Maine lobster, cherry-stone clams, blue-point oysters, and such.

Now, Bernie has all these fine tid-bits flown in fresh daily which certainly was a first in Southern California, only now he's expanded to include foods from 18 different areas of the world. Such wonders as Mahi Mahi from Hawaii, Dover Sole from England, lobster tails from Australia (in addition, of course, to the Maine jobs) and King Crab from Alaska, just to mention a few of the mouth-watering goodies available at the Captain's Table.

And purely in honor of his 20th anniversary Mr. Tohl's introducing the "International Fish and Shore Dinners" featuring gourmet specialties from Switzerland, Italy, Spain, and England.

As though attesting to the success of flying sea-food into California, Bernie now has 82 different awards which have been presented to him over the years for the excellence of cuisine offered at the Captain's Table.

So, if you haven't already (as though there was anybody who hasn't in California!) by all means make it a point to visit this exciting dine-outery soon. You'll be glad and so will Bernie Tohl.

Just gotta throw in a quickie here for the Latitude 20 Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway where Ernie Menehune and his Polynesian Revue is holding forth.

Possibly you should be apprised, herewith, tho, that Ernie is closing his current engagement at this popular Torrance spot as of April 7. Alright, granted, that's a couple of weeks away but this is to remind you that you still have some time left to catch this "Polynesian Pixie" with all his little goodie gimmicks plus his highly talented revue, not to mention, entertaining!

Not only a nice looking couple but they're a talented duo as well. That's the one nite stand attraction bowing in this Sunday at Shipwreck Joey's at the corner of Figueroa and B Streets in Wilmington.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Country Music themselves—Johnny and Jonie Mosby who certainly need no introduction.

Anyone who is anyone in the world of country and western music knows this pair of fine artists. They've been around the circuit a long time and usually do an outstanding job wherever they're booked.

Just by way of running over some of their credits, let's take a look at Disneyland in 1967 when they appeared twice during the season and one week was taken up the same year at the Edison Hotel in Toronto, Canada.

To continue, on the '67 trek, it was the Long Beach Auditorium for the Country Music Show and the Shrine Auditorium in L.A. for the same show. Then the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport, La., Viewpoint Inn in Portland, Ore., the Yuma Rodeo in Arizona, not to mention the Chestnut Inn in Kansas City and a month at the Palomino Club over in North Hollywood.

So you can see by all this that this duo are in big demand the way they move around and at that, we didn't touch all the spots they've played in the last couple or three years, plus sandwiching in a few radio and TV appearances.

Anyway, if you miss this dynamic duo it's your own fault and don't blame us but just keep in mind—it's a one-nite stand! Next Sunday evening at Shipwreck Joey's from 7:30 in the evening 'til 12:30 the following morning. Catch 'em!!!



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Among some of the good folk who have attended group meetings recently and enjoyed the foods-of-Spain cuisine and the Flamenco entertainment were Pan American

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